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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA: UNCURK REPORT

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1. AS RESULT OUR INFORMAL APPROACHES TO MOFA, FONMIN KIM CALLED IN UNCURK COMMITTEE MEMBERS AFTER-NOON OF AUGUST 20 TO GIVE THEM ROKG VIEWS ON UNCURK REPORT. AUSTRALIAN, TURKISH, THAI AND PHILIPPINE REPS WERE PRESENT. (NETHERLANDS REP STILL ON LEAVE AND NOW NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER.)

2. FONMIN KIM INFORMED UNCURK MEMBERS THAT ROKG WANTED EXPLICIT UNCURK RECOMMENDATION RE TERMINATION IN ANNUAL REPORT. ALSO URGED EARLY SUBMISSION. FONMIN KIM ENDORSED AUSTRALIAN DRAFT CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS WITH EXCEPTION FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 3 OF THAT DRAFT. HE REQUESTED SENTENCE BE DELETED. SENTENCE EXPRSES UNCURK OPINION THAT "SUCH
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DISPOSITION AS EXISTS ON EITHER SIDE" RE PROGRESS ON

UNIFICATION CAN FIND EXPRESSION IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. FONMIN KIM SAID ROK FEELS THIS GIVES UNDUE EMPHASIS TO ROLE OF SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND APPEARS TO IMPLY THAT UNIFICATION IS CLOSE AT HAND. ALSO NOTED NORTH KOREANS COULD USE THE SENTENCE AS JUSTIFICATION FOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN. (MOFA WORKING LEVEL IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT FONMIN KIM ALSO REQUESTED DELETION OF IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SENTENCE RE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. AUSTRALIAN ACTING REP STEELE SAID HE CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH MOFA THAT FONMIN WANTED ONLY FINAL SENTENCE DELETED BUT SAID KIM'S REMARKS IN FACT WERE SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR.)

3. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN ACTING REP STEELE, TURKISH, THAI AND PHILIPPINE REPS RAISED VARIOUS RESERVATIONS WITH FONMIN KIM. HE SAID KIM DEALT WITH THEM POLITELY, BUT FIRMLY.

4. UNCURK COMMITTEE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 1600 HOURS TODAY (AUG 21) TO TAKE UP FINAL CONSIDERATION OF REPORT. AS RESULT FONMIN KIM'S CLEAR ENDORSEMENT, STEELE EXPECTS THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE REPS, (TURK, THAI) WILL SIDE WITH HIM IN APPROVING THE DRAFT CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS INCLUDING THE DELETION REQUESTED BY FONMIN KIM.

5. MORE GENERALLY, STEELE HAS POINTED OUT TO US THAT MECHANICS OF GETTING REPORT TO NEW YORK ARE COMPLICATED BY ABSENCE OF DUTCH REP. IN ORDER TO GET DUTCH APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE ON FINAL REPORT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TRANSMIT TELEGRAPHICALLY FINAL VERSION OF CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS TO THE THE HAGUE FOR DUTCH APPROVAL. UNCURK MUST ALSO REQUEST THAT DUTCH CHARGE IN TOKYO BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF HIS COUNTRY. ALTERNATIVELY, DUTCH COULD HAVE THEIR UNCURK REP RETURN TO SEOUL BY AUGUST 29 OR 30.

6. IN STEEL'S VIEW THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS AT THE MI SMUM. IF RPT IF UNCURK MEMBERS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SEOUL APPROVE REPORT TODAY, IT IS HIS ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PHYSICALLY SUBMIT SIGNED REPORT TO NEW YORK UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK. (MOFA TOLD US UNCURK REPS PROMISED TO HAVE SIGNED REPORT IN POUCH TO NEW YORK BY AUGUST 30.)

6. STEELE TOLD US HE HAS ALERTED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AT THE HAGUE TO THIS SITUATION. HE WILL

INFORM US IMMEDIATELY OF RESULTS TODAY'S MEETING.

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